(vii) An Incentive Scheme has been introduced for reduction of transmission & distribution losses.

(viii) Emphasis is being laid on training of engineers and operation and maintenance personnel of power stations.

Installation of transformers in East Delhi by DESU

*358. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the arrangement for installation of electric transformers for the electrification of colonies by the DESU are pending for want of land despite the fact that the lay-out plans of the colonies have been approved;

(b) if so, what is Government's policy for acquisition of land for such purposes;

(c) whether it is a fact that the DESU authorities are insisting to provide five plots, measuring 80 sq. yards each, for installation of five transformers in the Brijpuri Wazirabad Road, Shahdara Delhi; and

(d) if so, what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) to (d) As per the prevalent policy, land for electric sub-station needed for electrification of any colony is required to be handed over to DESU free of cost by the concerned colonising agency. Request for electrification of a colony is considered for execution on completion of the prescribed commercial formalities by the sponsoring agency. In the case of unauthorised colonies in existence as on 1-1-1981., land for installation of transformer/ sub-station is required to be arranged by the residents association, sponsoring the electrification scheme of any such colony.

DESU has assessed the maximum load demand of Brijpuri colony as 1562.5 KVA. The transformation capacity needed for electrification is 1953 KVA. On 6-10-87, DESU had requested the sponsoring party to hand over 5 sub-station sites measuring 8x10 meters each with two approach roads, each 6 meter wide, for installing 5x400 KVA transformers. DESU can prepare the electrification scheme of this colony only when the requisite sites of the sub-stations, are handed over to it.

Setting up of National Gas Grid

*359. *DR. NARREDDY THULASI* REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal at present under Government's consideration to set up a National Gas Grid in the country;

(b) if so, what are the benefits thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (c) The proposal for a national gas grid is part of a long-term perspective plan for the development and utilisation of natural gas. Its implementation will depend upon the establishment of adequate reserves of gas and availability of financial resources for its production and utilisation.

Representations from the telephone subscribers of Punjab

*360. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of representations received regarding grievances of telephone subscribers at various